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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) 1-3 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1 and 3, drawn to methods of treating a viral infection through the administration of Xenon-133, classified in class 424, subclass 1.13.
 - II. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to methods of treating leukemia, classified in class 424, subclass 1.13.
 - III. Claim 3, drawn to methods of treating prion infections through the administration of Xenon-133, classified in class 424, subclass 1.13.
 - IV. Claim 3, drawn to methods of treating bacterial infections through the administration of Xenon-133, classified in class 424, subclass 1.13.

For Group I above, restriction to one of the following is also required under 35 USC 121. Therefore, election is required of one of Groups I-IV, and, if Group I is elected, then election is also required to one of inventions (A)-(B) The inventions of the subgroups represent the elected invention where in the virus is (A) HIV or (B) FLV.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. The inventions of Groups I-IV and of subgroups (A) and (B) are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, the different inventions each relate to methods of treating a different

disease, each with a different causative agent. Thus, the methods perform different functions and have different effects.

Conclusion

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, have acquired a separate status in art because of recognized divergent subject matter, and because the literature and sequence searches required for any one of the groups is not required for the others, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is 571-272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel can be reached on 571-272-0902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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